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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Copies of each cited reference are enclosed. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), Applicants state that each item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the Communication is attached hereto.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the references and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Applicants believe that no fee is required with the submission of the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement because the IDS is filed within three months from the mailing date of the International Search Report, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1). However, if any fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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